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TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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FOR AMBASSADOR JORDEN FROM BUNKER

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO TACK FROM BUNKER

1. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD ARRANGE TO PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO FORMER MINISTER TACK AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. I WILL FORWARD THE SIGNED ORIGINAL BY POUCH. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR TONY: IT WAS WITH BOTH PERSONAL AND OFFICIAL REGRET THAT I LEARNED OF YOUR DECISION TO RESIGN AS PANAMA'S MINISTER-NEGOTIATOR. SECRETARY KISSINGER, WHOM YOU SAW A FEW DAYS AFTER OUR LAST MEETING IN FEBRUARY, HAS ASKED THAT I CONVEY HIS OWN REGRETS.

2. YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW TREATY RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN NOTABLE. THE INITIATOR OF THE CONCEPT OF THE FEBRUARY 1974 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES, THEN AS A SIGNER, YOU PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN CONSTRUCTING THE FRAMEWORK FOR OUR SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS. THESE PRINCIPLES, WHICH REFLECT MODERATION AND REASON, ARE TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF YOUR DEEP INVOLVEMENT IN DESIGNING THE NEW
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TREATY RELATIONSHIP WHICH OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE STRIVING

TO ACHIEVE.

3. I HAVE VALUED MOST HIGHLY OUR CLOSE ASSOCIATION. THE WARM HOSPITALITY AND COURTESIES WHICH YOU EXTENDED DURING

OUR MANY VISITS TO PANAMA WERE PARTICULARLY APPRECIATED. YOUR POSITIVE ATTITUDE THROUGHOUT OUR TALKS HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT INGREDIENT IN SUSTAINING THE CORDIAL SPIRIT WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED THE NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE ALWAYS THE ARDENT SPOKESMAN OF YOUR COUNTRY'S INTERESTS, YOU HAVE NEVERTHELESS DEMONSTRATED A PERCEPTIVE GRASP OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND THE NEED TO ACCOMMODATE THE INTERESTS OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES. THIS, IN MY EXPERIENCE, IS A TRUE SIGN OF ENLIGHTENED LEADERSHIP.

4. INDEED, THE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS TO DATE IS DUE IN LARGE MEASURE TO YOUR RESPONSIBLE PARTICIPATION.

5. ALTHOUGH PERSONAL CONSIDERATIONS HAVE MADE IT NECESSARY FOR YOU TO RELINQUISH YOUR OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITIES, I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A ROLE IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES. WHEN A NEW TREATY FINALLY EMERGES FROM OUR COMMON EFFORTS, AS I TRUST IT WILL, I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE SUPPORT OF A MAN OF YOUR EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE WILL WEIGH HEAVILY IN THE MINDS OF YOUR COUNTRYMEN.

6. ONCE AGAIN, TONY, ALLOW ME TO EXPRESS MY REGRET AT YOUR RESIGNATION. I TRUST THAT WE SHALL ALL CONTINUE TO BENEFIT FROM YOUR COUNSEL AND FRIENDSHIP. MOREY, TOM, AND ALL MY OTHER COLLEAGUES ON THE UNITED STATES NEGOTIATING TEAM JOIN ME IN SENDING YOU OUR HIGHEST RESPECTS, OUR WARM REGARDS, AND OUR BEST WISHES FOR YOUR FUTURE SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS. SINCERELY, ELLSWORTH BUNKER KISSINGER

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